



# QSP



March 2015

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The Next Meeting is  
**Friday March 27th** at  
 KWU's Peters Science  
 Hall Room 211

**7:30 PM**

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## March VE Report

### March Test Session:

For the March 11th session, we had **fourteen** Candidates, Spencer Smith, of Salina, Forrest T Stewart, WDØBTN [Novice], and Forrest W Stewart, both of Clay Center, tried for their Technician—but did not pass. David Wood, KEØD-PU, of Solomon, Tremayne Pixler, KEØDPH, of Jewell, Jon Patterson, KEØDPI, of Miltonvale, Alfonso Baxa, KEØDPJ, of Beloit, Isaac Smith, KEØDPK, of Salina, Melvin Cathey, KEØDPL, of Beloit, Scott Anderson, KEØDPM, of Bridgeport, and James Stewart, KEØDPN, of Clay Center all passed their Technician, most also tried for the General class, but did not pass. Terry Peterson, NØKOM, of Lenora upgraded to **Extra**, and we also had 2 "**Clean Sweeps**" David Vering ADØNX, of Beloit, and Brian Smith, MD, ADØNY of Salina went from None to Extra!

(I have participated in close to 200 Test sessions [this includes the W5YI-VEC Sessions] and this is ONLY the 4th and 5th candidates to go from No License to Extra Class in one session - Sid)

Congratulations to all!

VE's in attendance were: Sid, NØOBM, Paul, KS1P, Leon, WAØJFC, Michael, KBØLZQ, Don, KAØEIC, Alvin, WØME, and Ron, WAØPSF.

Sid NØOBM VE Team Leader

**In case you missed it, the Club has gone back to meeting Monthly. Generally on the Last Friday of the month.**

## Minutes of the February Meeting

7:30 pm. – President , Dennis, KAØLTQ – Opened with Pledge Of Allegiance  
There were 22 members and guests present.

Secretary report – Eric, NØYET moved the minutes of previous meeting be approved as printed in QSP. Motion seconded and approved. Bylaws changes were presented and approved for voting on at the next club meeting.

Treasurers Report – Fred, KØDIX, reported a balance in checking of \$283.64 and savings was \$2954.26. Bills paid: PO Box - \$62 yearly, \$180 Webster deposit for hamfest and \$104.30 for various hamfest mailings and supplies.

VE / EC Report – Sid, NØOBM – reported that 3 candidates passed at the February test session. 2 upgraded to General and one received their technician class.

Dennis shared that club member Jerry Mallon, KCØVDX, is now a silent key.

OLD Business.. Tom, NØMOK, Gave report that the ARRL has approved the Kansas Convention this year (Our Hamfest in August). Post cards were received and distributed. 50 to B&H sales in Derby, 50 to Associated Radio in KC, and 50 to D&L – all 3 vendors at our hamfest. 175 were given to Don, KAØEIC for distribution at area hamfests. The information is also on the CKARC website. Tom mentioned the need for a volunteer to line up sponsors. Anyone interested please contact him. Also contact him if anyone has any ideas for programs for the Hamfest or know of anyone willing to give a presentation.

Eric reported that the Technician Ham class is going strong with 7 students. They are halfway through the class.

Roger, KEØBRV, Field Day chairman, noted the consensus for Field Day this year is to use the County Communications trailer. Several sites were discussed but none chosen as of yet. At the March Club meeting we will vote on the final location.

## Reminders

City of Salina Siren Test Net, **April 6th** at 4:30 PM if the Weather cooperates! Otherwise April 13th.

ARRL-VEC Test Session on Wednesday **April 8th** at 7:00 PM.

**CKARC Meeting Friday April 24th** at 7:30 PM at KWU's Peters Science Hall Room 211

**CKARC Hamfest:** Sunday, August 16th 2015 Webster Conference Center

## 440 Net Changes

After the March 9th Monday Evening 70 cm Net, Ed Fischer, KCØPHH announced that he was relinquishing the Net Control duties to Ken Keehner, KC9XI. Let's all welcome Ken as the New Net Control Operator for the 70 cm net! A Special Thanks to Ed Fischer for his 3 year stint as Net Control for the 70 cm Net!

## Program after the Meeting

After the March meeting, Paul Collins, KS1P will be conducting a special program on SWR. Please take the time to attend—who knows, you might learn something new on this old topic!

## Proposed BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I: GOVERNMENT

**Section 1:** The government of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall conduct all normal and routine business for the club. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate past President, CKARC License Trustee, the Volunteer Exam Team Leader, and the Hamfest Chairperson. The hierarchy of organization will be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VE Coordinator, and Hamfest Chairperson. At least three board members shall constitute a quorum at any board meeting. A simple majority vote shall prevail. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least 4 times a year at a time and place designated by the President. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all club members.

**Section 2:** The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate past President, CKARC License Trustee, the Volunteer Exam Team Leader, and the Hamfest Chairperson. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the annual third quarter meeting and hold office for one year. Their term shall start January 1 and end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

**Section 3:** Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special ballot on the first regular membership meeting following the withdrawal, resignation, or other opening.

**Section 4:** Any officer may be removed from office by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at any regular membership meeting.

### ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1:** The President shall preside at all meetings of this organization. The President is responsible for the following: enforcement and due observance of this Constitution and these by-laws; making decisions regarding all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the Board of Directors, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President. The President shall appoint chairpersons and members of any and all necessary committees. The Board of Directors shall be made aware of these appointments. Exception: Joe Addison Trophy Committee does not require Board of Director's notification. (Membership on the Joe Addison Committee to remain a secret to all, except President and the Committee members).

**Section 2:** The office of Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all Club and Board of Director's meetings, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting and file all applicable reports with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and Bylaws of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. The Secretary will also maintain the official club roster of all paid and life members.

The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall cause or allow the publishing of the same electronically on the CKARC Web site and via email. The Secretary shall be in charge of maintaining a list of the club inventory.

### **The Office of Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive, pay out, and keep accurate records of the financial transactions of the club, and submit applications for membership. Bills shall not be paid without proper authorization of the Board of Directors. Twice each calendar year, or as agreed upon by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit all ARRL memberships directly to the ARRL, and will retain a list of such memberships. The Treasurer shall, upon leaving office, turn over all items belonging to the club to the newly elected Treasurer.

**Section 3: Annual Audit.** An annual audit of the financial record of the club shall be conducted, in which the outgoing Treasurer shall be required to participate. This Audit shall be conducted no later than February 28, of the following year and shall be conducted by the incoming Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing, on forms provided for that purpose, at regular membership meetings. Each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the constitution and bylaws, and such rules as from time to time shall be promulgated by the club. Acceptance into membership shall require an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the members present at a regular membership meeting. Rejection of a proposed member shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regular membership meeting voting against the proposed member. Included in the application for membership is a recommendation that the new member become a member of the ARRL and maintain that membership at all times, while a member of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. It is the intent of the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. to maintain Special Service Status with the ARRL at all times (requiring a minimum of 51% ARRL Membership within the Club).

**Section 2:** There are three classes of membership, Full member, Family member and Associate member. **Full member:** This is the only membership class with voting rights, requires an FCC amateur radio license. Full Membership is required to hold an Office in the CKARC, Inc. **Family Member:** Non-licensed Spouse (or significant other) and offspring. **Associate Member:** Is open to all those actively interested in amateur radio who is not currently licensed. If an Associate member should become an FCC licensed amateur radio operator, he or she would be upgraded to Full Membership status upon receipt of said license.

**Section 3: Life Member:** Any Full member who has paid dues for a total of twenty five (25) consecutive years as a Full Member is excused from further payment of dues and retains all rights of Full Membership. Each Life Member and their Spouse are afforded complimentary admission to all Club activities. Persons eligible for Life Member status must submit an application to the Board of Directors.

**Section 4:** Honorary and Special Membership may be granted to an individual at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This membership has no voting rights and cannot hold office.

## **ARTICLE IV: DUES**

**Section 1:** A regular yearly assessment of Dues as directed by the Board of Directors and voted on and passed by the membership at a regular membership meeting shall be collected annually.

**Section 2:** Family Membership: Additional members of the immediate family of a member shall be assessed as follows: A portion of the regular Dues assessment as determined by the Board Of Directors, usually being a fourth of the annual family member dues, for each additional family member residing in the same household.

**Section 3:** Associate Membership: Non-licensed member assessed at the same rate as a Full Member. (The same policy as the ARRL)

**Section 4:** The Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. by majority vote of those present at any regular membership meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within the objects as set forth in the preamble thereof.

**Section 5:** All membership in the Central Kansas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, with the current dues payable no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

**Section 6:** Dues, for **new members only**, shall be pro-rated on the basis of One Twelfth of the Regular Dues per month remaining in the Calendar Year.

## **Article V**

**Section 1:** Regular membership meetings shall be held on the last Friday of the month, occurring monthly, or as agreed upon by the general membership, at such a place as the President shall designate. The Web Master, or Secretary shall notify the membership, in advance, of each regular membership meeting. A simple majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 2:** Special meetings of the membership shall be called by the President upon the written request of any five (5) members of the club. Notices shall be sent, by the Secretary, to all members, informing them of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that in ordinary delivery, they shall arrive at least twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours before the time therein set forth for the meeting. Web or email notification shall be acceptable. Only the items or items of business designated in the notice shall be transacted at the special meeting.

**Section 3:** Parliamentary Authority: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the authority for any parliamentary concerns. If any situation arises that cannot be addressed with Robert's Rules of Order, then Common Sense among the attending members, moderated by the President or officer in Charge, shall be the authority.

**ARTICLE VI: BYLAW REVISION**

**Section 1:** These Bylaws shall be reviewed on a regular basis by the Board of Directors to ensure that they remain up to date. They shall be reviewed at least once every Five (5) years.

**ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:** These bylaws may be amended by a Two Thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at any regular membership meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at regular membership meetings, and shall not be voted upon until the next regular membership meeting. All proposals for amendments to the bylaws shall be printed in the club bulletin (electronically) prior to being voted upon.

## FCC “Paperless” Amateur Radio License Policy Now in Effect

02/17/2015

Starting today, February 17, the FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission maintains that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (**ULS**), although the FCC had routinely continued to print and mail hard copy licenses until this week.

In mid-December, the FCC **adopted final procedures** to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as it had **proposed** in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its “process reform” initiatives. Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization (“Active” status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees will also be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager.

“We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs,” the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least \$304,000 a year, including staff expenses.

The ULS License Manager now permits licensees to **change the default** setting so that the Bureau will print and mail a license document.



## From the WA8BNM Contest Calendar

QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Apr 1
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Apr 3
LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 4
<b>Missouri QSO Party</b>	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0400Z, Apr 5 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 5
<b>Mississippi QSO Party</b>	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5
SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5
<b>Montana QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Apr 4 to 0559Z, Apr 5
UBA Spring Contest, 6m	0600Z-1000Z, Apr 5
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 7
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Apr 8
QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Apr 10
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 11 to 1300Z, Apr 12
<b>New Mexico QSO Party</b>	1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12
<b>Georgia QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Apr 11 to 0359Z, Apr 12 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 12
WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz <b>Data</b> Modes	1200Z-2200Z, Apr 12
Hungarian Straight Key Contest	1500Z-1700Z, Apr 12
144 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 13
Holyland DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 17 to 2100Z, Apr 18
TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 18
ES Open HF Championship	0500Z-0859Z, Apr 18
<b>Nebraska QSO Party</b>	1200Z, Apr 18 to 0200Z, Apr 19 and 1700Z-2300Z, Apr 19
CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest	1200Z, Apr 18 to 2359Z, Apr 19
<b>Michigan QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19
<b>Ontario QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19
<b>North Dakota QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19
YU DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 18 to 1700Z, Apr 19
ARRL Rookie Roundup, <b>SSB</b>	1800Z-2359Z, Apr 19
222 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 21
UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Apr 22
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, <b>Digital</b>	0001Z, Apr 25 to 2359Z, Apr 26
SP DX <b>RTTY</b> Contest	1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26
QRP to the Field	1200Z-2359Z, Apr 25
Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 25 to 1259Z, Apr 26
<b>Florida QSO Party</b>	1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26
432 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 29

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL QSP IS APR. 15, 2015**

## **CKARC February Birthdays**

**WOME Alvin Wiechman**

**30-Apr**